

Milwaukee County

Supervisor David Bowen, 10th District

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SUPPORTIVE OF VETERANS, BUT NOT MISUSING COUNTY FUNDS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor David Bowen released the following statement regarding the resolution to appropriate \$150,000 from the contingency fund for maintenance of the War Memorial Center:

"I fully support veterans and the fallen loved ones our War Memorial honors, but as Supervisors we must not forget our commitment to fiscal responsibility. We have many departments and programs in Milwaukee County that are underfunded and need more support, but raiding our contingency fund at this time is not prudent as we head into the 2013 Budget season.

"If we would have used these funds for the War Memorial, a number of other departments and programs might come to us also looking for special handouts to fill gaps. Instead, we need a long-term solution and partnership to fund the War Memorial, just as we need a long-term solution for mass transit and parks. My vote today shows I am optimistic that we can achieve our goals without misusing County funds."

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